

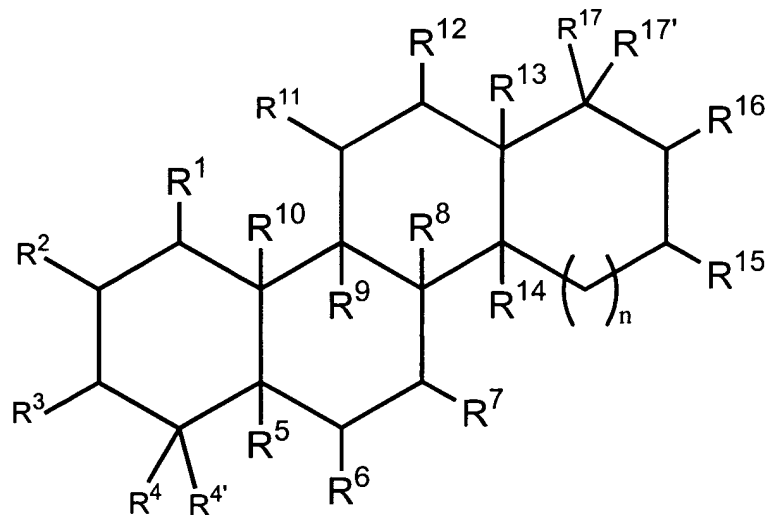
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 – 17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A compound of the following formula:



wherein

each of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>4'</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>15</sup>, R<sup>16</sup>, and R<sup>17'</sup>, independently, is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, carboxyl, oxo, halo, sulfonic acid, -O-sulfonic acid, or alkyl that is optionally inserted with -NH-, -N(alkyl)-, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -O-SO<sub>2</sub>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-SO<sub>3</sub>-, -SO<sub>3</sub>-O-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CO-NH-, -CO-N(alkyl)-, -NH-CO-, or -

N(alkyl)-CO-, and further optionally substituted with hydroxy, halo, amino, carboxyl, sulfonic acid, or -O-sulfonic acid;

each of  $R^5$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{13}$ , and  $R^{14}$ , independently, is hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, or amino;

$R^{17}$  is -X-Y-Z, in which X is unsubstituted alkyl or alkenyl; Y is a bond; and Z is alkyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, or heteroaralkyl, and is substituted with ~~-O-sulfonic acid~~, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxyl or alkyloxycarbonyl; or Z is alkenyl and is optionally substituted with hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, halo, sulfonic acid, -O-sulfonic acid, carboxyl, oxo, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylcarbonyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, or alkylthio; and

n is 0;

provided that when Z is substituted with carboxyl or alkyloxycarbonyl, either X or Z contains at least one double bond;  
or a salt thereof.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original) The compound of claim 18, wherein each of  $R^3$  and  $R^6$ , independently, is hydroxy, amino, carboxyl, halo, sulfonic acid, -O-sulfonic acid, or alkyl, and is in the  $\alpha$ -configuration.

21. (Original) The compound of claim 18, wherein  $R^5$  is hydrogen and is in the  $\beta$ -configuration.

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22. (Original) The compound of claim 18, wherein each of  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^{4'}$ ,  $R^6$ ,  $R^7$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{15}$ ,  $R^{16}$ , and  $R^{17'}$ , independently, is hydrogen, hydroxy, oxo, halo, sulfonic acid, -O-sulfonic acid, or alkyl.

23. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 22, wherein each of  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^{4'}$ ,  $R^6$ ,  $R^7$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{15}$ ,  $R^{16}$ , and  $R^{17'}$ , independently, is hydrogen, hydroxy, or oxo; and each of  $R^5$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{13}$ , and  $R^{14}$ , independently, is hydrogen or hydroxy.

24 – 28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 18, wherein Z is alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, or heteroaralkyl, and is substituted with carboxyl, ~~-O-sulfonic acid~~, alkylsulfinyl, or alkylsulfonyl; or Z is alkenyl, and is optionally substituted with hydroxy, alkoxy, halo, sulfonic acid, carboxyl, -O-sulfonic acid, alkylsulfinyl, or alkylsulfonyl.

30. (Cancelled)

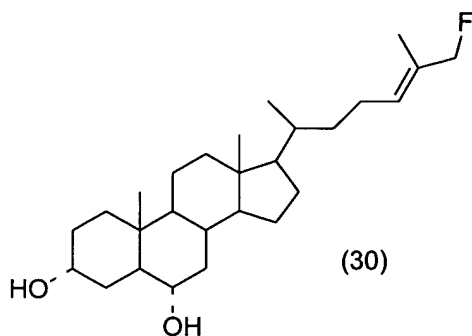
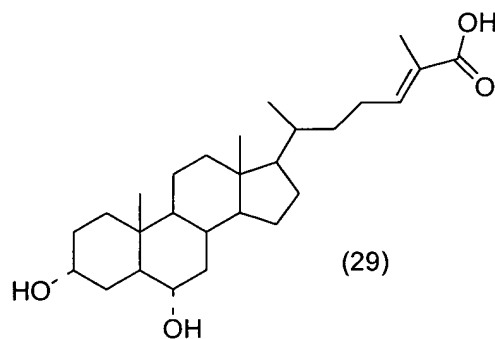
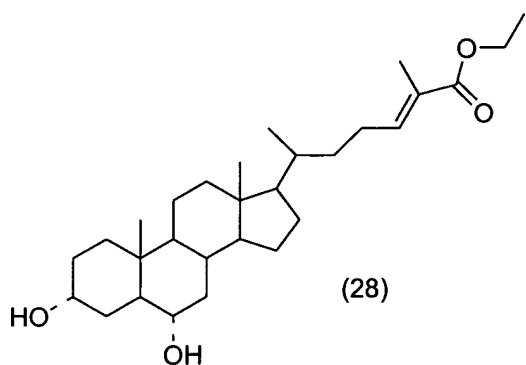
31. (Original) The compound of claim 18, wherein  $R^{17}$  contains a straight chain having 6-20 chain atoms.

32. (Original) The compound of claim 31, wherein  $R^{17}$  contains a straight chain having 8-16 chain atoms.

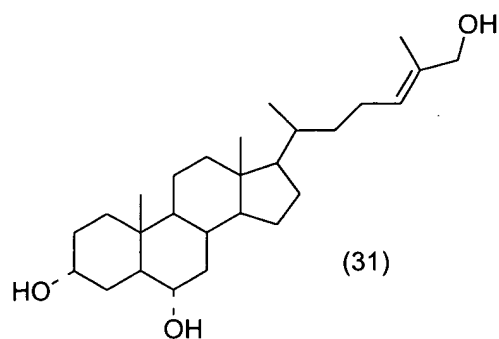
33. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 18, wherein X is  $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)-\text{CH}_2-$ , Y is a bond, and Z is  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{R}')(\text{CH}_3)$  with  $\text{R}'$  being hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, halo,

sulfonic acid, -O-sulfonic acid, carboxyl, oxo, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylcarbonyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, or alkylthio.

34. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 18, wherein said compound is:

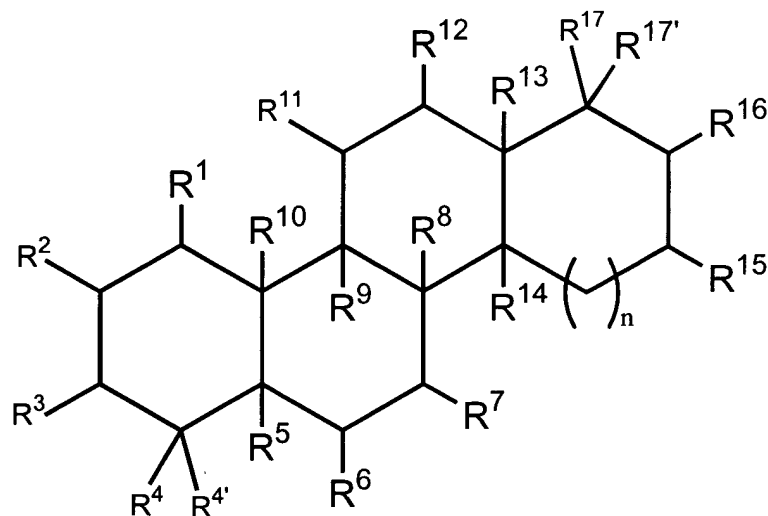


or



35 – 64. (Cancelled)

65. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition for treating a UR- or a LXR-mediated disorder, said composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an effective amount of a compound of the following formula:



wherein

each of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>4'</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>15</sup>, R<sup>16</sup>, and R<sup>17'</sup>, independently, is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, carboxyl, oxo, halo, sulfonic acid, -O-sulfonic acid, or alkyl that is optionally inserted with -NH-, -N(alkyl)-, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -O-SO<sub>2</sub>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-O-, -O-SO<sub>3</sub>-, -SO<sub>3</sub>-O-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CO-NH-, -CO-N(alkyl)-, -NH-CO-, or -N(alkyl)-CO-, and further optionally substituted with hydroxy, halo, amino, carboxyl, sulfonic acid, or -O-sulfonic acid;

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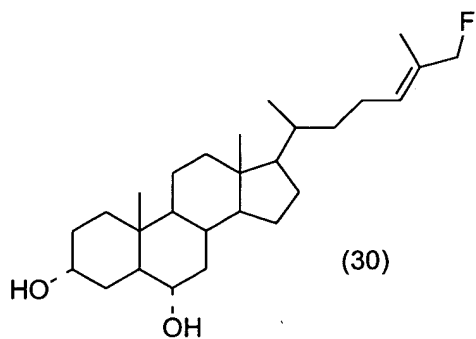
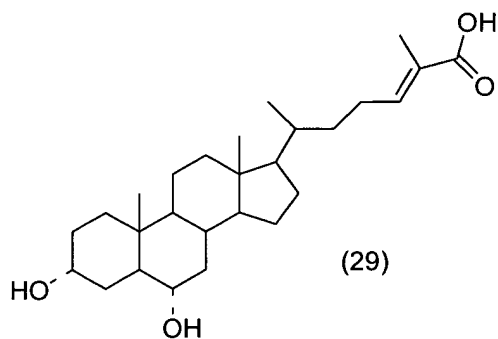
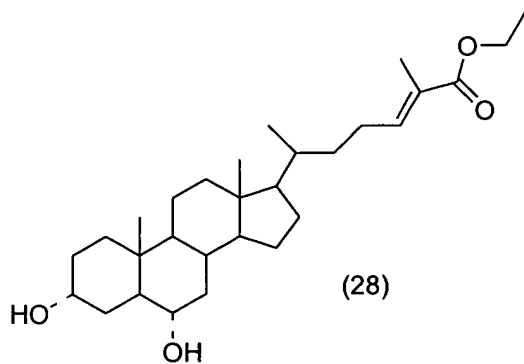
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$R^{17}$  is -X-Y-Z, in which X is unsubstituted alkyl or alkenyl; Y is a bond; and Z is alkyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, or heteroaralkyl, and is substituted with ~~-O-sulfonic acid~~, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxyl or alkyloxycarbonyl; or Z is alkenyl and is optionally substituted with hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, halo, sulfonic acid, -O-sulfonic acid, carboxyl, oxo, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylcarbonyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, or alkylthio; and

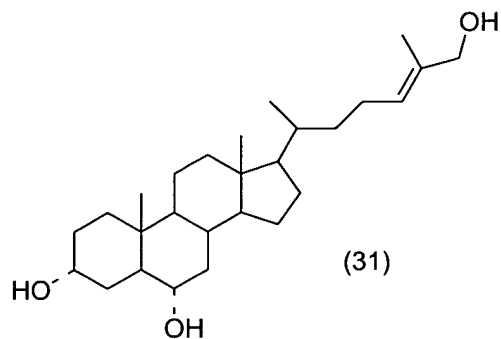
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provided that when Z is substituted with carboxyl or alkyloxycarbonyl, either X or Z contains at least one double bond;  
or a salt thereof.

66. (Previously Amended) The composition of claim 65, wherein said compound is:



or



67-68. (Cancelled)